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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: KYLE DOUGLAS VAUGHAN, BPR #032416
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April 21, 2022

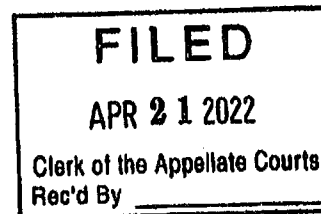
SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER DISBARRED

Effective April 21, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee permanently disbarred Kyle Douglas Vaughan from the practice of law and ordered him to pay restitution to his former law partners in the amount of \$223,452.20 and pay all costs incurred to the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Mr. Vaughan was convicted in the Criminal Court of Washington County, Tennessee, in the matter of *State of Tennessee v. Kyle D. Vaughan*, Case No. 46339, of theft of property from his law firm partners, a Class B Felony, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 39-14-103. After a hearing upon the disciplinary petition, a Hearing Panel determined Mr. Vaughan's conduct violated Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(a), (b), (c), and (d) (misconduct) and warranted disbarment.

Mr. Vaughan was ordered to comply in all aspects with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of disbarred attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: KYLE DOUGLAS VAUGHAN, BPR #032416
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Sullivan County)

No. M2022-00477-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2021-3165-1-DB-22.3

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon Petition for Final Discipline filed against Kyle Douglas Vaughan on May 13, 2021; upon Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered by the Hearing Panel on December 20, 2021; upon Application for Assessment of Costs filed by the Board on January 4, 2022; upon Findings and Judgment on Application for Assessment of Costs entered by the Hearing Panel on January 20, 2022; upon consideration and approval by the Board on March 11, 2022; upon expiration of the time to appeal; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which the Court approves the Order of the Hearing Panel and adopts the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as the Court's Order.

On January 21, 2020, Mr. Vaughan was temporarily suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.3 (Case No. M2020-00100-SC-BAR-BP) for misappropriation of funds from his law firm partners. On April 27, 2021, Mr. Vaughan was suspended by this Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3 (Case No. M2021-00421-SC-BAR-BP) for felony conviction of theft of funds from his law firm partners. To date, Mr. Vaughan has neither requested nor been granted reinstatement in these related actions.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Kyle Douglas Vaughan is permanently disbarred from the practice of law, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.1.

(2) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, Mr. Vaughan shall make joint restitution to his former law partners, Kara Page and James Cook, II, in the amount of \$223,452.20 with credit for any verified payments made by Mr. Vaughan to his prior law

firm partners and shall furnish to the Board of Professional Responsibility proof of restitution.

(3) Mr. Vaughan shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of permanently disbarred attorneys.

(4) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. Vaughan shall pay to the Board of Professional Responsibility the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,210.00, which includes the \$100.00 cost of filing this matter, and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for all of which execution may issue if necessary.

(5) The Order of Temporary Suspension entered January 21, 2020, (Case No. Case No. M2020-00100-SC-BAR-BP), is hereby dissolved.

(6) The suspension from the practice of law imposed pursuant to the Order of Enforcement entered April 27, 2021, (Case No. Case No. M2021-00421-SC-BAR-BP), is hereby dissolved.

(7) The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(8) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.

PER CURIAM